

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

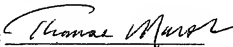
Before the "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following paragraph:

### -- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/008620 filed on March 22, 2004, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Ossicular Fixation of Implantable Hearing Aid Actuator", which claims priority from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/394,499, filed on March 20, 2003, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Ossicular Fixation of Implantable Hearing Aid Actuator", and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/991,398, filed on November 20, 2001, (now U.S. Patent No. 6,705,985) entitled "Improved Apparatus And Method For Ossicular Fixation Of Implantable Hearing Aid Actuator", and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/351,699, filed on January 1, 2003, entitled "Implantable Hearing Aid Transducer With Advanceable Actuator To Facilitate Coupling With The Auditory System", and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/351,682, filed on January 27, 2003, entitled "Apparatus For Connection Of Auditory Devices To The Auditory System", which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/326,124, filed on September 28, 2001, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Ossicular Fixation of Implantable Hearing Aid Actuator", all of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

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